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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
SPORTS & YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 16th June 2014

With due concurrence of Finance Department and approval of State Government, the existing Scheme of 'Biju Patnaik Bravery Award' of this Department hereby stands amended, as given below, with retrospective effect from the 1st January 2014.

BIJU PATNAIK BRAVERY AWARD

1. OBJECTIVE :

Late Biju Patnaik, the ex-Chief Minister of Odisha, had shown in his lifetime many acts of bravery which inspire the youth of India till today. This award therefore aims to recognize spectacular acts of Bravery performed by people of Odisha :

2. THE AWARD :

- (i) The award shall be given annually for the most outstanding act bravery
- (ii) The Award shall comprise of a cash award of Rupees one lakh, one silver medal and a scroll.
- (iii) It will not be binding on the Department of Sports & Y.S. to confer the award every year. In case of non-availability of suitable persons for the award, the award shall not be conferred for the respective year.

3. ELIGIBILITY :

- (i) He must be a citizen of India
- (ii) Anybody who performs any spectacular act of bravery inside Odisha will be eligible to be considered for Biju Patnaik Bravery Award. A resident of Odisha performing spectacular act of bravery outside will also be eligible for this award.

- (iii) He/she must have rendered the act of bravery during 1st January to 31st December of the preceding year.
- (iv) He/she should not have been convicted of any criminal offence
- (v) It shall be given to a person only once in his lifetime.

4. NOMINATION FOR AWARD :

- (i) Advertisement for the award shall be uploaded every year in January in the Department website with a prescribed application format which will be also available in the office of District Collector & DSO, Supdt. of Police, NYKS, NSS, BSG, NCC, IRCS & Sports & Youth Services Department.
- (ii) The nominations can be sent by the Collector, Supdt. of Police, DSO, NYKS, NSS, BSG, the person himself/herself, any registered Voluntary Organization, NCC & Indian Red-Cross Society (State or Central Branch) to the Secretary, Odisha State Youth Welfare Board, C-1, Nayapalli, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar.
- (iii) Department of Sports & Youth Services/can also *suo motu* nominate names for the award.
- (iv) (a) 3 (three) Passport Size Photographs
(b) Adequate documentary evidence in support of the act of bravery
- (v) The application form and all supporting documents must be 'self-attested' by the applicant i.e., there is no need for attestation by any Gazetted Officer.

5. SCRUTINY & SELECTION :

- (i) Scrutiny and selection will be done by a three-member Committee chaired by Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Sports & Youth Services Department with Asst. Director, Y.S. and AFA-cum-Under-Secretary of the Department as members.
- (ii) Recommendation of the Committee will be sent to Hon'ble Minister, Sports & Youth Services for Government approval.

6. TIMELINES FOR THE AWARD :

- (i) Invitation of application/nomination through issue of advertisement by 31st January
- (ii) Last date for receipt of application/nominations by 31st March
- (iii) Scrutiny & selection by 31st May
- (iv) Award Ceremony by 29th August (National Sports Day)

7. GENERAL PRINCIPLES :

- (i) Canvassing for the award in any form is prohibited
- (ii) The award can also be given posthumously to the next of kin of the awardee
- (iii) The awardee shall be invited to receive the award in person. The awardee shall be given TA/DA at the rate of 1st Class Rail/Bus fare and arrangements for his/her stay at Bhubaneswar shall be made by the Department.

- (iv) In case of involvement of more than one person in the selected act of bravery, the award money will be shared amongst all.

8. CANCELLATION & RECOVERY :

- (i) The award shall be cancelled in case it is found that it has been obtained by fraudulent means.
- (ii) In the event of cancellation of the award, the concerned person will be asked to refund the award (cash, silver medal and scroll) failing which steps shall be initiated to recover the involved cost from him alongwith simple interest @ 5% per annum.

9. REPEAL :

With coming into force of this new amended Scheme of Biju Patnaik Bravery Award with effect from the 1st January 2014, the existing Scheme of Biju Patnaik Bravery Award for Youth stands repealed automatically.

ORDER—Ordered that this Resolution be published in an extra ordinary issue of the *Odisha Gazettee* and copies supplied to all Departments of Government/all Heads of Departments/all Collectors/all Superintendents of Police for information & necessary action.

By order of the Governor
SASWAT MISHRA
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government